CARBONDALE'S FLAG

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In May 1982, a Carbondale city flag was designed by S. Robert Powell and sewn by Ann Swindlehurst Powell. The design of this flag, shown here, is as follows: a white circle in the middle of a blue circle centered in a horizontal rectangle of white; at the center of the white circle are a crossed pickaxe and shovel (in black) above three chunks of burning anthracite coal (the coal is blue, the flames are red); the year "1851" is given (in black letters) on the white circle, one half of that date to the left of the central image and the other half to the right of the central image; at the circumference of the blue circle are the following words (in white): "CITY OF CARBONDALE PENNSYLVANIA INCORPORATED."

This flag was presented to Mayor Fred J. Mancuso by S. Robert Powell, on behalf of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, at the Dignitaries' Luncheon at 11 A.M. on August 28, 1982 in Carbondale Area High School. Later that day, the Carbondale city flag was carried in the Fourth Annual Pioneer Days parade by John V. Buberniak and Donald W. Powell, representing the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall.

The design of this flag is derived from three sources. First, the original seal of the city of Carbondale--a crossed pickaxe and shovel in the center of a circle, at the circumference of which are the following words: "CARBONDALE CITY SEAL." This seal, which was discovered, in 1893, in the depths of the vaults in City Hall, was most probably designed in 1851